Sugiura, Misa | It’s Not Like it’s a Secret | HarperTeen, 2017 | When her family moves to California, 16 year old Sana Kiyohara falls for the beautiful and smart Jamie Ramirez but struggles with differences between their diverse friend groups, a boy’s sweet but unrequited affection, and her father’s increasingly obvious affair. ⚠️⚠️

Taylor, Laini | Strange the Dreamer | Little, Brown and Company, 2017 | In the aftermath of a war between gods and men, a hero, a librarian, and a girl must battle the fantastical elements of a mysterious city stripped of its name. ⚠️⚠️

Tingle, Tim | How I Became A Ghost: A Choctaw Trail of Tears Story | RoadRunner Press | A Choctaw boy tells the story of his tribe’s removal from the only land its people had ever known, and how their journey to Oklahoma led him to become a ghost—one with the ability to help those he left behind. ⚠️⚠️

Wiesel, Ellie | Night | Hill and Wang, 1972 | A memoir about a man’s experience with his father in the Nazi German concentration camps, at the height of the Holocaust and toward the end of the Second World War. Wiesel writes about the death of God and his own increasing disgust with humanity. ⚠️⚠️⚠️⚠️

Yang, Gene Luen | Shadow Hero | First Second Books, 2017 | In the comics boom of the 1940s, a legend was born: the Green Turtle. He solved crimes and fought injustice just like the other comics characters. But this mysterious masked crusader was hiding something more than your run-of-the-mill secret identity: the Green Turtle was the first Asian American super hero.

Colbert, Brandy | Little & Lion | Little Brown, 2017 | Suzette returns home to Los Angeles from boarding school and grapples with her bisexual identity when she and her brother Lionel fall in love with the same girl, pushing Lionel’s bipolar disorder to spin out of control and forcing Suzette to confront her own demons. ⚠️⚠️⚠️⚠️

Yousafzai, Malala | I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban | Little, Brown and Company, 2015 | When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. At 15, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive. ⚠️⚠️

Adapted by Ari Folman | Anne Frank’s Diary: The Graphic Novel | Pantheon Books, 2018 | This adaptation of Anne Frank’s Diary of a Young Girl into a graphic version for a young readership, maintains the integrity and power of the original. With stunning illustrations and direct quotation from the diary, this edition will expand the readership for this important work of history and literature. ⚠️⚠️

Aronson, Marc & Marina Budhos | Eyes of the World: Robert Capa, Gerda Taro, and the Invention of Modern Photojournalism | Henry Holt and Company, 2017 | Robert Capa and Gerda Taro were young Jewish refugees. As photographers, they set off to capture the fight against Fascism. Capa and Taro took powerful photographs of the Spanish Civil War that went straight from the devastation to news magazines. Packed with dramatic photos, posters, and maps, this book captures the fascinating story of how photojournalism began. ⚠️⚠️

Zoboi, Ibi | American Street | Balzer & Bray, 2017 | Fabiola Toussaint thought she would finally find une belle vie—a good life. But after they leave Haiti, Fabiola’s mother is detained by U.S. immigration, leaving Fabiola to navigate her loud American cousins; the grittiness of Detroit’s west side; a new school; and a surprising romance, all on her own. ⚠️⚠️

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

Some books may contain graphic content in the form of themes, language, violence, and/or explicit sexual content:

- ⚠️ Mild
- ⚠️⚠️ Moderate
- ⚠️⚠️⚠️ High

Alvarez, Julia | How The Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents | Algonquin, 1991 | The Garcia sisters and their family must flee their home in the Dominican Republic after their father’s role in an attempt to overthrow a tyrannical dictator is discovered. In the U.S.A., their parents try to hold on to their old ways, but the girls try to find new lives. This book sets the sisters free to tell their most intimate stories about their life in America. ⚠️

Anderson, Carol | We Are Not Yet Equal | Bloomsbury, 2018 | When America makes progress toward racial equality, the systemic response is a backlash that rolls back those wins. This edition adapted from the author’s White Rage especially for teens illuminates these dark moments of history. ⚠️⚠️

Anderson, Laurie Halse | Speak; The Graphic Novel | Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers, 2018 | From the first moment of 9th grade, Melinda knows this is a lie, part of the nonsense of high school. She is an outcast because she busted a party by calling the cops — no one will talk to her or listen to her. Through her work on an art project, she is finally able to face what really happened that night: She was raped by an upperclassman who is still a student at her school. ⚠️⚠️⚠️

**Let’s Read!**

Summer reading is necessary for students to continue using good literacy practice beyond school. It’s also a great way to spend time together! Many of the titles on the list are available to borrow for free at the Free Library of Philadelphia. Check the website at [www.freelibrary.org](http://www.freelibrary.org) for locations, book title availability, and other great summer programs for students.
Bacigalupi, Paolo | Company, 2010 | where grounded oil tankers are being broken down for parts, Nailer, a teenage scavenging for copper wiring just to make quota.

Beals, Melba Pattillo | Young Warrior to Little Rock Nine | growing up in the segregated South. Civil rights heroine Melba Patillo Beals puts readers right in her saddle oxfords as she struggles fight back against being treated less just because of the color of her skin.

Budhos, Marina | 6 | 2011 | the powerful stories of five enslaved people who were played in the founding of America. These dramatic nation “conceived in liberty” was also born in shackles.

Flores, Joe | 3 | Department of Homeland Security crackdown following a terrorist attack on San Francisco.

Harewood, Fiona | 14 | A story of first love.

Hooe, Phillip | Twice Toward Freedom | 2011 | in the shadow of Library: The

Hoose, Phillip | 9 | The Unwanted | 2018 | a timely new memoir about torn Syria in Exodus 6

I Did It…You Can, Too! | 8 | mysterious flood of victims overwhelms neighboring communities. From space, from earth, people start seeing a New Earth. A New Earth that the people of this book have made. A New Earth, a place to start.

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